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160th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF WILLARD'S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN INDIANA

On October 1st, 1843, 160 years ago, William Willard began a private school for a total of twelve deaf children in Indianapolis. A year later, Indiana legislatures voted to provide a state supported school for a growing number of deaf children. This historic moment is remembered as a significant contribution to the development of the Deaf Community in Indiana. Today numerous Deaf Hoosiers receive an education, live independently and make a contribution to society in Indiana. It is an appropriate time for the Deaf Community to pay tribute to William Willard as the founder of the school for the Deaf.

Videophone Installed in DHHS Office

DHHS has always believed in the exploration of a new technology that could enhance the lives of Deaf Hoosiers. Recently a Sorenson representative from Utah demonstrated a videophone appliance at the Indiana Government Center to about 30 Deaf people. Unlike a TTY, the Sorenson VP-100 device is connected to a TV at your home or work and you could visually communicate in ASL with your Deaf friend if he has a similar device on the other end.



Sorenson as well as Sprint and two others also offer a free Video Relay Service (VRS) for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Using Sorenson VP-100, or D-Link DVC-1000 you can place a video call and sign to an interpreter who will speak on the phone to the person you wish to call.

To install VP-100 at your home, you need to have high speed internet access which means either DSL or high speed cable in your house. Next you can then apply for a free Sorenson VP-100 through Internet or purchase the same device with a different name (D-Link DVC-1000) from a local electronics store. If you buy your own appliance you can use any company that provides VRS like Sprint or Hands On. Remember, however, that you have to pay for connecting to DSL or high speed cable and there are still a few areas that don't have these yet. One added bonus is that with these devices you can place a long distance call via VRS without any charges or call a friend across the country directly on your videophone at no charge.

Another excellent feature these devices offer that systems that attach to a computer don't yet have is a port in the back to attach a signal system that will flash a light when someone is calling you on the videophone. You will be alerted by the light when someone calls you, just like a traditional phone call!

DHHS has a VP-100 installed in the office and will be getting a D-Link DVC-1000 for comparison. If you wish to see how these work, stop by the office.



IIC and EIC Holders: Earn Your CEUs at Home or Office!

DHHS recognizes a program called *WWWorkshops* for earning CEUs for the Indiana Interpreter Certificate (IIC) and the Educational Indiana Interpreter Certificate (EIC) requirements. Developed by Signs of Development, L.L.C., it offers professional development opportunities to meet CEU needs. It is available on CD ROM and can be viewed through your computer in the comfort of your home or office at a time that is convenient for your busy schedule.

How does it work? Just sit down at your computer and view a video workshop presented by well-known presenters. CEU credits will be given for successfully answering test questions on the content. Each workshop will vary in length from 1 to 10 modules within a workshop. The interactive format includes video clips with visual information, activities, and post-test questions.

After you receive a certificate of completion from Signs of Development, make a copy of the certificate and send it to the DHHS office along with an IIC CEU Form (State Form 50945). For EIC credits, please check with DHHS before you start to learn to which category the workshop applies. To get a CD-ROM of *WWWorkshop* or for more information, call the DHHS office at 317-232-1143 or e-mail, doliver2@fssa.state.in.us.

Calendar of Events October

WORKSHOPS:

October 9, 2003

"ASL Coffeehouse Experience"

Refinery Cafe
1909 Elkhart Road, Goshen, IN
Thursday: 6:00 pm - 9:00 p.m.
CEU: .3; Category 1
IIC and EIC
Phone: (574) 536-6756
E-mail: myronry@goshen.edu

October 10, 2003

**"Communication Methodologies-
Investigating ASL, Total Communi-
cation, Auditory-Oral, Auditory-
Verbal, Cued Speech and BiBi
Education"**

Indiana School for the Deaf
1200 E. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, IN
Friday: 9 am - 12 pm
CEU: .3
First Steps, RID, ACET, IIC, and
EIC (Category 1)
Phone: (317) 920-6311
FAX: (317) 920-6350
Deadline: Sept. 26, 2003

October 18, 2003

"ASL Deaf Storyteller"

Goshen College Umble Center
1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN
Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:00 p.m.
CEU: .2; Category 2
IIC and EIC
Phone: (574) 536-6756
E-mail: myronry@goshen.edu

DHHS Certification Stats

IIC Holders	191
EIC Holders	288
Total	479



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